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In response to applicants' communication of 5/10/04 with respect to the JP documents cited on 9/21/01, in keeping with MPEP 609 the examiner interprets the identified statement of relevancy as being submitted by applicants. Since the allowed claims are not drawn to either a rigid reflecting layer, or to an optical head, the claims define over this art. The references have been made of record and attached hereto is an initaled 1449 form.

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